THEN and NOW!

By Frances H. Paulette

What a Friend!

If someone should ask you the question, "What Is A Friend?", what would you reply? One definition given by Webster reads as follows: "One attached to another by affection or esteem"; it goes on, "one not hostile - -" and there is more.

Most likely you have your own definition of what a friend means to you; an idea or opinion formed because of friendships acquired, and I might add, treasured. Since acquiring this friend about whom I am writing, my original idea of the word, friend, has changed, you might say radically!

Imagine, if you will, a little girl, her mother's pride and joy and her father's pet! While she seemed to be a sweet little thing to behold, she was, in reality, a holy terror to some of the little children with whom she attended school. What ever did she do? Let me explain - - -

The same admirable qualities of leadership and ingenuity that have made her a successful businesswoman and a faithful (and sought-after) participant in civic affairs were the same qualities that made for trouble in school. Hard to believe, you say? Read on - -

There is always, in school, those youngsters who would love to get into mischief, but they lack a certain amount of leadership and daring that would make them instigators of such questionable activities. My friend had all the necessary requisites!

It seems there was one little boy in elementary school, (back THEN), who always had spending money and candy bars each and every day for in-between snacks. Was he able to enjoy that candy? No way! Poor soul, he had the misfortune of being in school with my friend!

There were several girls, friends of my friend, ready and willing to follow a leader in a bit of mischief! The perpetrator of the "goings-on"? My friend, of course!

Through watchful planning and careful thought they knew just where and when the little fellow "of means" could be found during recess or between classes. What did they want? Not his friendship - - - his candy! They got it, day after day, under the capable direction of my friend!

It became a regular part of their school schedule because the youngster was much too intimidated by the girls to protest. You see, they had been known on occasion to "beat up" on some of the boys and had gotten away with it! Pour little fellow, he suffered in silence, probably even developed ulcers!

Speaking of ingenuity, when the late Miss Flora Belle Williams, the well-known and respected educator of Appomattox County was principal of the Appomattox Elementary School, my friend gave her quite a few uneasy times. So many, in fact, that Miss Williams was forced to take steps to remedy the situation.

It seems that my friend did nothing really mean, just so many little things, with such astounding regularity, that Miss Williams, despite her reputation as a firm disciplinarian, was beside herself! Concern for the class first, and then for her own sanity, made her reach a decision. She kept my friend after school one day and told her, in no uncertain terms, that because of her conduct she, Miss Williams, found it necessary to recommend to her parents that they withhold some privilege that they believed to be most important to their child. All for her own good, of course!

The next day my friend went to school; she seemed to be in quite a different mood, not at all like herself, almost defeated. She was waiting for the confrontation with Miss Williams; it came about 3:00, as soon as the classroom was cleared of all other students.

As she closed the door, Miss Williams began. She really hated to be so harsh with the child, she was so likeable and a good student; if she would just stay out of mischief! "And now - - -, what is the one thing that you love above all else? The thing in life that gives you the most pleasure? This is the thing that you will have to give up for a time as punishment for your continual misbehavior?" Remember, if you please, my friend's keen intelligence and ingenuity; she had carefully planned her reply.

With eyes downcast, in what she hoped was suggestive of an attitude suitable to the occasion, my friend said tearfully, (she was also a good actress!), "Miss Williams, this is awful; you see, the one thing that I love most of all in the whole wide world is going to school." What was the teacher's reply? I don't know! Very likely, for one of the few times in her teaching career, she was at a loss for words! Shortly after this episode my friend, with her family, moved to Lynchburg.

Great day in the morning, you must be saying; what kind of friend did she grow up to be? The best!! There's nothing she wouldn't do for a friend. Oh, wait a minute, there are few exceptions. She hates to cook, so she wouldn't cook, even for a dear friend. Clean house? Somehow I think she would pass on that one, too. But when it comes to the important things, she's right there, ready and willing!

Wood Purchases Reported By Va. Fibre Corp.

Listed below is the total dollar volume of wood purchased by Virginia Fibre Corporation of Riverville for the week ending January 30, 1978. Purchases are listed by counties.

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Louisa	319.47
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Pittsylvania	1,405.83
Powhatan	1,362.07
Prince Edward	1,756.27
Total	$49,300.50

We feel this information will be of interest to our readers in Appomattox County and to those in adjoining counties.

I'll bet you'd like to know the name of such a friend, wouldn't you? Sure you would, but first why don't you join me again next week and see what she got into in Lynchburg? I'll be expecting you!

VA Questions & Answers

EDITOR'S NOTE: Following are representative questions answered daily by VA counselors. Full information is available at any VA office.

Q - Is there a deadline for veterans to apply for medical treatment at a VA hospital.

A - No. There is no deadline for applying, but priority is given to eligible veterans with service-connected disabilities.

Q - My husband died from a service-connected illness. Since then I have adopted a child. Is my stepchild eligible for CHAMPVA benefits.

A - Adopted children are eligible for CHAMPVA if they were living in the veteran's home when he died, or if they are adopted within two years after the veteran's death.

Q - I am receiving educational assistance from the Veterans Administration for a correspondence course. Am I also eligible for an education loan?

A - A veteran pursuing a program of education by correspondence is not eligible for an education loan.

Q - Are dividends received from National Service Life Insurance considered income by the VA in determining pension eligibility?

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MISS MARGARET ANN DICKERSON

Engagement Is Announced

Mr. and Mrs. Z. S. Dickerson of Harrisonburg have announced the engagement of their daughter, Margaret Ann, to Raymond J. Foster III, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond J. Foster, Jr. of Isfahan, Iran, formerly of Waynesboro.

Miss Dickerson graduated from Harrisonburg High School. She received a B.A. degree from Maryville College and a M.S. degree in Deaf Education from The University of Tennessee. She is employed by the Appomattox County School System.

Mr. Foster graduated from Fishburne Military School and attended East Tennessee State University. He is employed by the Ramada Inns system in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

A June wedding is planned.

VACATIONING IN FLORIDA

Mrs. Howlette B. Martin and son, Howlette B. Martin, Jr. have returned to their home after spending six weeks in their home at Vero Beach, Florida. Mrs. Rachel F. Lawson was their guest for a week and returned home with them on Saturday.

Other guests while there were Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Jamerson and son, Jeff, and daughter, Sandy and Mr. Jamerson's mother, Mrs. Eva Jamerson. Mrs. Betty Wolfrom was their guest for several days and is now visiting friends in Florida for the month of February.

Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Lawson are shown in above photo enjoying the sunshine at the front of the Martin Condominium home just before leaving for Appomattox to be greeted by a beautiful snow.

Chili Feast Planned At Country Club

A Chili Feast has been planned for February 18 at Falling River Country Club for members and their guests. The feast includes chili, salad, Texas toast and tea or coffee for $8.00 per couple.

The event will begin at 7 p.m. and last until 10 p.m. - maybe longer.

Dress in country levis, ribbed overalls, etc., and dance to the music of "The Appalachian Express." Prizes will be given for best dressed couples.

For reservations, call Bill Burke at 352-8221 or Watkins Abbitt, Jr. no later than February 15, 1978.

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SOCIETY

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Mrs. Randall Wooldridge has returned from the Lynchburg General Hospital where she was a patient for several weeks and is staying in the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Caldwell.

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Mrs. Virgie White has returned from an extended visit with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Knierian in Cleveland, Ohio. She was accompanied home by her daughter, Mrs. Knierian, who spent several days here.

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Miss Ruth Newlon of South Hill spent Friday night and Saturday with Miss Pat Hudson.

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Mr. and Mrs. Jesse T. Guill, Sr. visited their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Blume, in Charlotte, North Carolina recently.

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Mr. and Mrs. Terrell Martin and daughter, Julie, of Richmond, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Martin, Sr., over the week end.

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Mrs. Luther Franklin is a patient in the Lynchburg General Hospital.

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Mr. and Mrs. Bill Stratton and Mr. and Mrs. W. Ronald Paulette have returned from Atlanta, Ga., where they attended the Butler Convention.

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Mrs. Billy Wellons, of Victoria, spent Sunday with her uncle, Charles Jenkins, and they visited his mother and her grandmother, Mrs. C. S. Jenkins, who is a patient in Lynchburg General Hospital where she is recovering from injuries sustained in a fall.

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Mrs. S. J. Evans has returned home after spending some time with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Thomas, and with her granddaughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Keith Belcher, in Pascagoula, Miss.

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Bubbie Fraley, a student at Randolph-Macon College, Ashland, Va., spent the week end in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fraley.

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Miss Peggy Ferrell, of Narrows, was a week end guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fraley and family.

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Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mott and Jennifer, of VPI/SU, Blacksburg, spent Sunday in the home of her mother, Mrs. Frances Paulette.

photo by Joe Vaughan

MISS DEE ANN WOOTEN

Candidate In Teen Pageant

Miss Dee Ann Wooten, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Wooten of Appomattox, has been accepted as a candidate-at-large into the All-American Teen Pageant to be held in Roanoke on February 17 and 18.

Dee Ann is a junior at Appomattox County High School where she is a varsity cheerleader and is a member of Liberty Baptist Church.

She is being sponsored jointly by local chapter of Beta Sigma Phi and Band Box School of Modeling which she attends.

Each contestant will be judged on evening gown, sportswear, talent and close-up appraisal.

A talent winner will be selected and will be able to advance to state and national competition.

Announces Birth

Mr. and Mrs. Fulmer Lee Burks, Sr., of Rt. 2, Gladstone, announce the birth of a son, Charles Aubin, born January 31, 1978, at Virginia Baptist Hospital, in Lynchburg.

Charles Aubin, weighed 9 lbs., 15 ozs., and was 22 inches tall, and was born at 3:13 p.m.

Maternal grandmother is Mrs. Augusta Francis, of Rt. 2, Gladstone, Va.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Fulmer J. Burks, also of Gladstone.

Mrs. Burks is the former Amanda Francis of Gladstone.

Mr. and Mrs. Burks are also the parents of a 2 year old son, Fulmer Lee Burks, Jr.

Friends and relatives welcome the birth of Charles Aubin.

APPOMATTOX PRIMARY CAFETERIA MENU

Mon., Feb. 13 - Hot dog, baked beans, slaw, brownie, milk.

Tues., Feb. 14 - Bologna & cheese sandwich, lima beans, salad, cake, milk.

Wed., Feb. 15 - Barbecue on bun, green beans, boiled potatoes, fruit, milk.

Thurs., Feb. 16 - Hamburger on bun, French fries, steamed cabbage, jello, topping, milk

Fri., Feb. 17 - Vegetable soup, crackers, grilled cheese sandwich, milk, ice cream.

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College Senior Student Teaching Here

FARMVILLE, Jan. 31 - Longwood College seniors, in the final phase of their teacher training, are doing ten weeks of classroom teaching in schools throughout Virginia.

The teacher - trainees are under the direction of a local teacher and a Longwood faculty member from their major area of study. In addition, supervisors from the college's department of education make frequent visits to the areas of student teaching.

Founded in 1839, Longwood became fully coeducational in June of 1976, offering residence hall accommodations and all attendant services to both male and female students. A comprehensive institution, the college offers majors in 31 subject areas, as well as professional training for social work, business, the health sciences, and teaching.

Student teaching from this area is Rhonda Jones, Spout Spring, kindergarten through third grade - Appomattox.

Spout Spring Club To Meet Tonight

The Spout Spring Home Demonstration Club will meet tonight, Thurs., Feb. 9 at 7:30 p.m. with Mrs. Mary Moon.

All members are encouraged to attend.

JR. CHAPTER PLANS FOR NATIONAL FHA WEEK

The second week in February is a special week for members of the Appomattox Junior Chapter Future Homemakers of America. This week, Feb. 12 - 18, 1978, is NATIONAL FHA-HERO WEEK, held in conjunction with Vocational Education Week.

During the week according to Arylece Ferguson, chapter president, the Jr. Chapter has planned for all members to remember the young and old on Valentine's Day with a valentine and a visit.

We plan to collect money from all members and take a gift to Candy Fulcher, our

PAMPLIN SCHOOL CAFETERIA MENU

Mon., Feb. 13 - Sausage biscuits, turnip greens, buttered whole potatoes, sliced pineapple, milk

Tues., Feb. 14 - Hot dogs w/mustard, onions, French fries, cole slaw, cake, milk.

Wed., Feb. 15 - Pizza, tossed salad, potato chips, banana, milk

Thurs., Feb. 16 - Chicken salad, blackeye peas, sliced tomato & lettuce, orange juice, rolls, milk

Fri., Feb. 17 -Tomato soup, peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, jello, cookie, milk

Laetrile Can Be Toxic

There is still a great deal of interest in the use of Laetrile. Laetrile is a drug that is derived from apricot kernals and has been used by some in the treatment of cancer. Some people have referred to Laetrile as being vitamin B-17. However, this is incorrect because at present it does not have any known nutritional functions. Even though many scientists have said that there is no evidence that Laetrile is useful for any purpose or effective against cancer in animals or humans, a number of states have legalized its use.

At present there have been some reports of cyanide poisoning among users of the drug. There was also a report of an accidental death of a child who ingested from one to five tablets.

We do not encourage its use and believe that people who do use Laetrile should be warned of its potential toxicity. It is important to take measures to keep Laetrile as well as other drugs out of the reach of children.

Photo by Joe Vaughan

MISS LONNETTE SUE REYNOLDS

Engagement Announced

Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie B. Reynolds of Red House have announced the engagement of their daughter, Lonnette Sue, to Joseph Hayes Layne, Jr., the son of Mrs. George Overton Pettus, III and Mr. Joseph Layne, Sr., all of Cullen.

Miss Reynolds is a senior at Appomattox County High School.

Mr. Layne is a 1975 graduate of Randolph-Henry High School.

The wedding will take place July 15, 1978 at 2 o'clock in the afternoon in Providence Baptist Church at Red House.

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